



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of Wong *et al.*

Serial No. 09/160,635

Filed: September 24, 1998

For: **IMPROVED FORMULATION
FOR CONTROLLED RELEASE
OF DRUGS BY COMBINING
HYDROPHILIC AND
HYDROPHOBIC AGENTS**

) Group No.: 1617

) Examiner: Webman, E.

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
MAILED JUNE 12, 2000**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks in response to the Examiner's
Office Action mailed June 12, 2000.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

- B' Sub C1 10. An ocular implant for controlled, sustained drug release comprising:
- a pharmacologically acceptable biodegradable polymer which is degraded at the site of implantation, wherein said biodegradable polymer comprises at least about 20 weight percent of the implant;
 - a therapeutically active agent at a concentration from 10 to 50 weight percent of the implant;
 - a release modulator at a concentration from 10 to 50 weight percent of the implant;
 - wherein said [implant is an, anhydrous solid structure which releases said] therapeutically active agent is a hydrophilic or hydrophobic entity and said release modulator